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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claim 3 is respectfully acknowledged.

Rejected claims 1 and 2 have been canceled.

Claim 3 has been amended only to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put it in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent. The amendments to claim 3 are not related to patentability, and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to claim 3 be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 is in condition for immediate allowance.

THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 5 and 6 have been added to show the structures recited in (now canceled) claim 1 and allowed claim 3. New Figs. 5 and 6

are fully supported by original claims 1 and 3 and, for example, the disclosure in the Summary of the Invention section of the specification.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that new Figs. 5 and 6 be approved and entered, and that the Examiner's objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been further amended to reflect the addition of Figs. 5 and 6 by referring to new Figs. 5 and 6 and to mention the reference numerals shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

The specification has also been amended to clarify that the second storage means 53 and the second necessary storage capacity estimating means 60 shown in Fig. 6 can be provided in a separate apparatus, as supported by the discussion of the storage means 15 of the digital copying machine 1 and the separate personal computer 3 to which image data is forwarded at, for example, page 22, line 9 to page 24, line 11.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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